

Wilmington, Delaware
November 6, 2014

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Sponsors:

**Council
Members
Shabazz
D. Brown**

WHEREAS, by its Ordinance No. 97-051, amending Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including a requirement for Council approval by resolution and including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary, prior to Council's resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its Department of Public Works, has been awarded a Wastewater Planning Matching Grant from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), in the amount of \$55,000 to support evaluation of the viability of an off-line, contained, Combined Sewer Overflow ("CSO") storage facility within the footprint of the abandoned 14th Street Quarry for storage of stormwater run-off from CSO 4a; and

WHEREAS, CSO 4a is the highest volume outfall in the city's combined system, and, if the concept is feasible, the city could significantly boost its CSO capture rate helping the City meet or exceed the goals of the Final Long Term Control Plan by constructing a new holding tank in the Quarry; and

WHEREAS, DNREC's Wastewater Planning Matching Grant requires matching funds and Public Works has sufficient funds to cover the remaining \$55,000 cost of the engineering evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize Public Works to accept the aforesaid grant from DNREC through execution of a grant agreement and any other documents necessary for the implementation of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to accept the \$55,000 in grant funding from DNREC's Wastewater Planning Matching Grant to support the evaluation of the viability of an off-line, contained, Combined Sewer Overflow ("CSO") storage facility within the footprint of the abandoned 14th Street Quarry for storage of stormwater run-off from CSO 4a. The Director of Public Works or his appointee is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other documents necessary for the implementation of the grant.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to administer the grant and the grant program for the City of Wilmington.

Passed by City Council,
November 6, 2014

ATTEST: Mari L. Owens
Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form this
15th day of October, 2014.

Karl S. Coats
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works to accept a \$55,000 Wastewater Planning Matching Grant in support of evaluation of the viability of a combined sewer overflow storage facility within the footprint of the abandoned 14th Street Quarry to increase the City's combined sewer overflow capture rate.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Resolution approves acceptance of a DNREC Grant for \$55,000 with a 50% matching funds requirement. Public Works has the matching funds of \$55,000 in the budget.